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Sterilisation of contact lenses - with soln. contg. peracetic acid and

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Sterilisation of contact lenses is effected by contacting them with a soln. of peracetic acid (I) in H2O2, after which the soln. is removed and the lenses are opt. stored in saline soln.

Pref. the soln. contains 100-200 (esp. 120-160) ppm (I) and 2-3 (esp. 2.7-2.8) % H2O2, opt. together with a nonionic surfactant. The excess soln. is removed by rinsing with water or by treating with a biocatalyst, esp. a catalase or peroxidase. Specifically, the lenses are massaged with the soln. in the palm of the hand for 1 min., rinsed in flowing tap water for 30 sec., and soaked in saline soln.; opt. buffered and opt. contg. a non-irritant preservative, e.g. sorbic acid.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The process is esp. applicable to (soft) contact

lenses made of hydroxyethyl methacrylate polymer (claimed). Sterilisation times are shorter (e.g. less than 1 min.) than when H2O2 alone is used.

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